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In the application of :
David John Smith, et al. : Confirmation No. 6378
Serial No. 10/706,378 : Group Art Unit 1764
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For DISHWASHING PRODUCT

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made on the attached Form PTO/SB08 of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO/SB08 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

1. ☐ **37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1) - U.S. Direct (use when filing IDS with nonprovisional patent application, or with Request for Continued Examination (RCE); or within 3 months of filing a nonprovisional patent application)**

This information disclosure statement, submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), is being filed with the patent application, with a Request for Continued Examination or within three months of the filing date of a national application. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

2. ☒ **37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) - (use when filing IDS more than 3 months after filing a nonprovisional patent application, but prior to receipt of first Office Action)**

This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Applicants have not received an Office Action on the merits in the present application. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due. However, in the event that this paper is crossing in the mail with a first Office Action on the merits, authorization is hereby given to charge the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. A duplicate of this letter (or a fee transmittal form) is enclosed to facilitate charging of the fee, if necessary.

3. ☐ **37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4) - (use when filing IDS prior to receipt of first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under §1.114)**

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This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Applicant(s) have not received a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (e.g., *Ex parte Quayle*) as of the date of this submission. Applicant(s) elect to pay the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). Please charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to Deposit Account Number 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. A duplicate copy of this letter (or a fee transmittal form) is enclosed to facilitate the charging of the fee.

5. ☐ **Information to be Considered with Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Filing (use when filing IDS with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) for Design Case).** This information disclosure statement is being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d).

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE NOTED BY THE EXAMINER:

☐ (1) (For use with applications filed prior to or on June 30, 2003.) Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

OR

☐ (2) (For use with applications filed after June 30, 2003.) In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), Applicants are submitting copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature.

OR

☐ (3) All of the cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the USPTO in prior application Case No. ____, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. __, filed __. Applicants claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, copies of previously submitted references are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case.

OR

☒ (4) Copies of all said documents, except Cite Numbers 13, 83, 84, 111, 112, and 113 were submitted and considered in parent application U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/994,564, filed 11-27-2001. Applicant(s) claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, copies of previously submitted references are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). Copies of references not previously submitted are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case.


☒ (5) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c), a concise explanation of the relevance of each cited reference that is not in the English language is provided.

☒ (6) Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner to consider and make of record the co-pending applications listed on the attached page.

☐ Additional information is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CO-PENDING U.S. APPLICATIONS**

Entire copies of all co-pending applications (or the portion of the application and claims that caused it to be cited) must be sent with the IDS (see 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii))

<u>Atty. Docket No.</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
CM-2393	09/898,740	Porta, et al.	07-03-2001 (US 2002/0055449A1)
CM-2583	09/906,295	DeNome, et al.	07-16-2001 (US 2002/0142931A1)
CM-556MC	09/933,021	Baillely, et al.	08-20-2001 (US 2002/0013242A1)
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CM-2516	10/095,786	Forth, et al.	03-12-2002 (US 2002/0169095A1)

[Only applications that remain pending at the time of submitting this IDS should be listed here. For applications in which patents have issued, the granted patents should be listed on Form PTO/SB08.]



CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE OF REFERENCES
NOT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

European patent application EP 0 132 726, according to the English language abstract, relates to a pack for use in discharging agents into a washing machine at different predetermined temps.

European patent application EP 0 879874 A2, according to the English language abstract, relates to encapsulated detergent giving correct dose of concentrate without contact with skin.

European patent application EP 0 879874 A3, according to the English language abstract, relates to encapsulated agents for manual cleaning, especially dishwashing, and the use of agents containing anhydrous surfactant.

DE 10003429, according to the English language abstract provided herewith, is directed to, among other things, a detergent product which comprises: (a) a measured amount of a detergent composition for use at an early stage of washing or rinsing cycle; and (b) a measured amount of a detergent composition that is for use at a later stage of the washing or rinsing cycle and is protected against premature dissolution during the early stage.

DE 19961661, according to the English language abstract provided herewith, is directed to, among other things, active material packages that comprise a wash, cleaning or rinsing composition that is at least partially contained within an enclosure that is soluble under the conditions of washing, cleaning or rinsing.

German patent application WO 02/14460 A2, according to the English language abstract, relates to a washing, rinsing or cleaning agent dose comprising a fully or partially water-soluble coating in the form of a capsule, a ball or a bag.

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